

# **2018 Extraordinary Capped Bust Dime Sealed Bid Auction**

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Welcome to the 2018 Extraordinary Capped Bust Dime Sealed Bid Auction! We hope you enjoy reading and studying this catalog as much as we enjoyed crafting it. You will discover a variety of PCGS and NGC certified Capped Bust Dimes available within.

This introductory page contains a list of the coins available with lot numbers, attribution, rarity rating, grade, certification number, and special details, such as die stage or provenance. The number in parenthesis is the certification number on the label. The source of all bust dime rarity ratings is "Bust Dime Variety Identification Guide" (VIG) by Zack, Scuderi, and Sherrill. Ensuing pages contain color images and detailed descriptions of each coin.

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**Lot 1001. 1811/9 JR-1, R-3, PCGS MS63 (50148063), LDS.** One will appreciate the myriad reverse cracks, significant obverse clash marks, and unquestionably original, lustrous surfaces that feature rose and silver-grey coloration. One notes a toning streak on the reverse and a scuff on the holder above 10C. This coin last sold at public auction via Heritage in October 2011 for more than \$6,600. Current PCGS price guide is \$9,750.



**Lot 1002. 1820 JR-12, R-5<sup>+</sup>, NGC AU50 (656420-008), Discovery Coin, Frederick - Reiver.** This is one of two bust dimes with the lofty rarity rating of R-5<sup>+</sup> to be found in this sealed bid sale. When this coin sold for \$6,325 in the Heritage auction of the Jules Reiver collection, it was described as follows: "This remains one of the most difficult die pairings to obtain from the entire Capped Bust dime series. Toned with attractive silver-gray hues which darken to blue and gold at the rims. Examination with a loupe will find many short but fine scratches primarily on the obverse. The present example is within the Condition Census for the variety with a couple of other AU coins which were discovered in the past two decades. This is the discovery coin of the variety which was generally unknown prior to the publication of Early United States Dimes 1796-1837 in 1984. Jules purchased this coin from dealer/collector Don Frederick in 1980, who apparently discovered this new die pairing based on the sketchy variety information available prior to the publication of the variety reference for dimes." Even in the 2016 JRCS census, there were still *just two coins* reported in higher grade! The coin is housed in the same NGC holder that it was placed in for the 2006 Heritage auction.



**Lot 1003. 1820 JR-13 Large 0, R-3, PCGS F15 (83237853), Mint Error 3% Clipped Planchet.** Housed in a “mint error” holder, the graders at PCGS estimated the clipped planchet to be a 3% clip. The clip can be seen starting from the left upper serif of the first T in STATES to just past the upright of the second T in STATES. Errors on bust dimes are uncommon, so this is one you will want to see for yourself! The coin itself is an honest, circulated dark grey dime with only a few scattered, toned-over old marks of note.



**Lot 1004. 1820 JR-13 Large 0, R-3, PCGS AU58 (31412948).** Rose, gold, and coin grey toning cover lustrous surfaces. If this coin looks like it might be mint state to you, then you would have likely agreed with NGC when this coin was in a holder graded MS61 (insert included). The Gorman coin, graded “just PCGS AU50,” sold for nearly \$2,800 in 2016. Just one coin graded higher in the 2016 JRCS census.



**1821 JR-2  
PCGS F12**

**Lot 1005. 1821 JR-2 Large Date, R-5, PCGS F12 (83289320), MDS to LDS.** This is the first of two specimens of the 1821 JR-2, an R-5 die marriage, found in this sale. The original surfaces are characterized by a medium grey patina and evidence that this coin did its job in commerce (it circulated a bunch!). We think this coin is a toss-up insofar as stage of die deterioration. It doesn't quite match the middle die state shown in the Bust Dime VIG (it looks a bit later than that) and it doesn't quite match the late die state either (it looks a bit earlier than that). Nonetheless, it is still a meaty, original example of a rare die marriage that many will appreciate.



**1821 JR-2  
PCGS VG08**

**Lot 1006. 1821 JR-2 Large Date, R-5, PCGS VG08 (81787593), LDS.** Although this is the second 1821 JR-2 available in this sale, there were just 19 examples of this rare die marriage reported in the JRCS Census, with the highest reported being an XF40. The present coin is a crusty coppery-brown toned circulated example. You will note that the effects of a die crack and bulge are readily seen especially in vicinity of S1 to S3. This crack and bulge appear to us to match the late die state shown in the Bust Dime Variety Identification Guide.





**Lot 1007. 1821 JR-3 Large Date, R-4, PCGS XF40 (35483203), Russ Logan, “Early US Dimes” Plate.** At the 1981 ANA show in New Orleans, Louisiana, Russ Logan purchased this dime for his collection. Later, he provided this coin for use to illustrate the 1821 JR-3 die marriage for publication in “Early US Dimes” (see page 108). In 2002, this coin was lot 2037 in the Bowers and Merena auction of the Russ Logan collection. The winning bidder will receive the auction lot tag from the Bowers and Merena sale and Logan’s personalized tag indicating date and place of purchase. In the 2016 JRCS census, just one MS60 and one XF45 1821 JR-3 dimes were recorded in higher grades than this piece. Further, one detects luster on this original, grey-gold dime, so we think the grade assigned is possibly a conservative one. We recommend viewing this coin in hand so that you can verify that the “mark” in front of Miss Liberty’s nose, mouth, and chin is not a scratch, rather it is a very light toning streak that we wanted to highlight in our photographs as a means of “full disclosure.”



**Lot 1008. 1821 JR-4 Large Date, R-2, PCGS AU55 (26157555).** Just two finer 1821 JR-4 dimes were reported in the JRCS census. Who doesn’t appreciate smooth, coin grey patina and lustrous, original surfaces? PCGS Price Guide, without regard to the condition census status of this coin, of an 1821 dime is \$1,000.



**Lot 1009. 1821 JR-10 Small Date, R-4<sup>+</sup>, PCGS AU58 (32607017), Eliasberg - Gorman, VIG Plate Coin.** The 1821 JR-10 is one of three small date varieties for the year. This example has impressive provenance of Eliasberg and Gorman in addition to being the plate coin for the die marriage in the Zack, Scuderi, and Sherrill “Bust Dime Variety Identification Guide.” We sold this lustrous, silver-grey coin in our 2016 Kirk Gorman sale, where it realized more than \$2,500.



**Lot 1010. 1822 JR-1, R-3<sup>+</sup>. PCGS AU58 (82247216).** How often do you get to see and personally examine an 1822 dime that is not only amazingly lustrous, but is in the desirable grade of AU58? Even casual collectors of early silver recognize that most 1822 dimes are found in AG to VG grades. Let’s go straight to the PCGS Population Report on this KEY DATE for the bust dime series. The PCGS population of 1822 dimes graded AU58 is just six. PCGS reports just seven in mint state grades. Of course, we have no way of knowing how many of the reported AU58 or MS coins are duplicates in the “pop reports.” Those who are considering purchase of a really nice 1822 have certainly spent some time studying the population of choice AU and mint state examples and may have also expended considerable effort in researching history of 1822 dimes with notable provenance. For example, the Eliasberg 1822 dime is housed in an “old green holder” and graded PCGS AU58. Compared to this coin, the Eliasberg appears rather lifeless and dull. Consider that the Eliasberg 1822 dime sold for \$15,600 less than one year ago. Now back to this 1822 dime. Where else are you going to find a wonderfully-toned, lively, original-skinned, lustrous 1822 dime? That’s right, nowhere but in this auction! Why this coin does not have a CAC sticker is open to speculation. The surfaces are original and lustrous. The toning is natural and attractive. The circulation wear is rather minimal. Perhaps stray handling marks kept it from getting stickered? Maybe, but then again, similarly-graded 1822 dimes have “stray handling marks,” yet still have a sticker. Go figure!





**Lot 1011. 1823/2 JR-2 Large E's, R-4, PCGS AU53 (32606431), Gorman.** This lustrous silver coin features soft sea foam green and hints of copper and gold toward its peripheries. Just four finer examples were reported in the JRCS Bust Dime census. When we sold this coin in our 2016 sale of the Kirk Gorman Collection, the price realized exceeded \$2,700.



**Lot 1012. 1823/2 JR-2 Large E's, R-4, PCGS XF45 (26546259), VIG Plate.** Here is a second example of this scarce die marriage. Images of this coin can be seen on page 64 of the Bust Dime Variety Identification Guide. Inspection shows that the surfaces are mostly a light, silvery grey with golden toning toward the periphery. Recall that the Gorman AU53 example of this die marriage sold for more than \$2,700 in our 2016 sale.



**Lot 1013. 1824/2 JR-2, R-5<sup>+</sup>, PCGS VF20 (24993892), David J. Davis, VIG Plate.**

Specialists will want to pay attention here! This rare die marriage is very difficult to find in grades above fine. Couple that fact with the tendency for examples of this die marriage to be found with a weakly struck obverse and you have a rather special coin available. When you view this dime in hand, your initial impression may be similar to ours. The coin appears to be much nicer than the meager VF20 designation on the PCGS label. Four coins were reported in higher grades than this coppery-grey dime in the JRCS census. JRCS founder and member #001, David J. Davis had proudly owned this coin and his name is on the PCGS label. Check page 65 of the Bust Dime VIG to see this Plate Coin. We expect this to attract the attention of many bidders.



**1827/7 JR-1  
PCGS XF45**

**Lot 1014. 1827/7 JR-1, R-3, PCGS XF45 (34424449).** This coin would be tied for 7<sup>th</sup> finest reported in the condition census, as recorded by the JRCS in the 2016 Bust Dime survey. The obverse is characterized by darker splotches in the fields and some mottling across the central device. The reverse is quite different, with light silver giving way to a touch of gold toward the periphery. The JR-1 designation is on the label, making this an excellent choice for a specialty Registry Set with PCGS.





**Lot 1015. 1827 JR-2, R-4<sup>+</sup>, PCGS VF25 (33228845).** Most known examples of the 1827 JR-2 are found in the Good to Very Good grade range, with many of those showing some signs of damage. This VF25 example is the first of three 1827 JR-2 dimes in this sale. The surfaces are layered in a medium grey, save for a lighter spot on the reverse. The Gorman example (also a VF25 and featured as the next lot in this auction) sold for more than \$2,300 in our 2016 sale of Kirk Gorman's wonderful collection.



**Lot 1016. 1827 JR-2, R-4<sup>+</sup>, PCGS VF25 (32764757), Gorman.** Where else can you find two scarce 1827 JR-2 dimes available for bidding? This second example belonged to Kirk Gorman and garnered more than \$2,300 in our 2016 auction. Although circulated to an attractive choice VF level, numismatists will appreciate the lovely original surfaces. When examining the reverse under a good lighting source, see if you see the luster we see! There were just five finer examples reported in the 2016 JRCS census.



**Lot 1017. 1827 JR-12, R-1, PCGS AU55 (32606480), Gorman.** Just two finer examples of this die marriage were reported in the 2016 JRCS census. Dusky, but lustrous, silver surfaces grace both the obverse and reverse of this dime. Toward the periphery is where one notices the attractive copper, gold, and metallic green patina.



**Lot 1018. 1828 JR-2, R-3, PCGS AU53 (9850933), OGH.** Although not the latest die stage, this bust dime shows characteristics that place it pretty close to LDS status: clashing around 10 C and a die crack from D to S2 (that later becomes a retained cud). The coin is rather evenly toned in light gold and mauve hues, while possessing ample luster. Only four coins graded higher were reported in the JRCS census of capped bust dimes, making this a prized condition census example for someone wishing to upgrade. The “Old Green Label Holder” designates this as “Large Size” – ostensibly referring to the fact that they 1828 JR-2 is the large date version of the 1828 dime. Reverse die is rotated, as commonly seen with this die marriage.



**Lot 1019. 1829 JR-3, R-4, NGC MS63 (3714387-002).** This is a “Small 10C” 1829 dime, although that designation is not listed on the label. Upon examination, one immediately notices an attractive, frosty luster on the obverse surrounded by pale russet toward the periphery. A sandy patina graces much of the reverse. A single gem example in the 2016 JRCS Bust Dime census was the only higher grade 1829 JR-3 recorded by census author Jim Matthews. In our sale of the Kirk Gorman dimes in 2016, an MS63 1829 JR-3 sold for more than \$3,750, attesting to the scarcity and desirability of this die marriage in higher grades.



**Lot 1020. 1829 JR-8 Small 10C, R-4, PCGS XF40 CAC (21583760).** The 1829 JR-8 is one of the more difficult “Small 10C” varieties of 1829 to locate in grades of XF and higher. In fact, there were only three pieces graded higher than XF40 recorded in the 2016 JRCS census. Layered in a heavier, original grey crust, this coin does show luster trying to peek out from the reverse when examined in hand. Few of these scarcer bust dimes have this perfect original look in so-called collector grades...and certainly there aren’t too many available with CAC approval. This coin presents an excellent opportunity.





**1829 JR-8  
PCGS AU58**

**Lot 1021. 1829 JR-8 Small 10C, R-4, PCGS AU58 (84717031), Russ Logan.** This second example of an 1829 JR-8 deserves your attention. It is the highest graded 1829 JR-8 from our research. No mint state examples have been reported. If you were to examine lot 2090 of the Bowers and Merena 2002 auction of the Logan collection, you will see that this coin is a perfect match. We know of two AU55 examples of this coin, with a price realized for the David Davis coin (lot #5438 in the Stacks Bowers auction of August 2012) of \$5,287.50! Those who seek the finest known dimes for the scarcer or rare die marriages should certainly consider bidding to win this 1829 JR-8. Lustrous, brighter silver and some frost banded around the stars characterizes the surfaces of this high-grade rarity.



**1830 JR-3  
PCGS MS63**

**Lot 1022. 1830 JR-3 Medium 10C, R-3, PCGS MS63 (35297391).** Formerly an NGC MS63, this gorgeous capped bust dime boasts lustrous, generally mark-free surfaces and attractive ruddy brown patina. The strike appears to be better than average to our eyes. A single MS64 example in the JRCS census of 2016 was the only reported 1830 JR-3 in higher grade.



1830/29 JR-5  
PCGS AU58

**Lot 1023. 1830/29 JR-5 FS-301, R-2, PCGS AU58 (32606980), Gorman.** From Part I of our sale of the Kirk Gorman collection, where this coin achieved a price of \$1,711. Just three reported higher-grade 1830/29 JR-5 dimes were in the JRCS census. Delightful iridescent toning spans the obverse and reverse of this high grade overdate. The devices are accented in rich blue and teal shades, which deepen to lilac around the rims. Considerable luster remains in the fields. The surfaces show a few slight marks, including a thin scratch in the field near the left wing of the eagle. IDS. Usual minor obverse dentil crumbling above Liberty's cap – might be called a rim cud. Traces of die rust are noted above the clasp on Liberty's neck. The reverse die is well centered.



1831 JR-1  
PCGS AU55

**Lot 1024. 1831 JR-1, R-1, PCGS AU55 (35483731).** As “just an R-1” die marriage, one might wonder why an 1831 JR-1 is in this sealed bid sale. Aside from the fact that this coin would be tied for third highest reported in the most recent JRCS census, one needs to take some time to examine this coin and view the wonderful, highly attractive colors to understand how special it is. The consignor rightfully called this coin “a color bomb.” Rainbow toning graces both the obverse and reverse of this highly lustrous choice AU bust dime. Be sure to check out this coin for yourself, even if you do not plan on placing a bid. You will enjoy viewing this coin.





**1831 JR-4  
PCGS AU58**

**Lot 1025. 1831 JR-4, R-2, PCGS AU58 (29809640).** We believe this coin will appeal to numismatists who are seeking an excellent example of a bust dime for type and those who are seeking an appealing example of this specific die marriage. The AU58 grade, the golden luster, and the attractive sea green highlights will appeal to all who inspect this coin. Just one higher graded example was recorded in the JRCS census.



**1833 JR-2  
PCGS XF45**

**Lot 1026. 1833 JR-2, R-4<sup>+</sup>, PCGS XF45 (34424452).** This is one of two examples of this very scarce die marriage available in the 2018 sale. Just six finer examples were recorded in the 2016 Bust Dime census reported by the JRCS. Light grey patina gives way to brilliant bands of luster seen on the periphery. In-hand, one will readily see the lustrous bands that attest to the originality of the surfaces. An AU50 of this die marriage sold for more than \$1,200 in our sale of the Kirk Gorman collection in 2016.





**Lot 1027. 1833 JR-7 Last 3 High, R-4<sup>+</sup>, PCGS XF45 (34365541).** Only five 1833 JR-7 bust dimes in higher grade were reported in the 2016 JRCS census. We believe you will appreciate the rich grey patina that graces both the obverse and the reverse original surfaces. Inspection will reveal ample luster with flashes of gold peeking out from the toning. Considering that we sold the Gorman 1833 JR-7 in PCGS MS62 for \$11,500 in our 2016 auction, we expect this coin to garner significant attention.



**Lot 1028. 1833 JR-7 Last 3 High, R-4<sup>+</sup>, NGC AU58 (656429-006). Jules Reiver.** If the choice XF 1833 JR-7 wasn't enough, we also have this second example that traces its provenance to the Jules Reiver collection (sold by Heritage in 2006). Reiver obtained the coin in a Coin Galleries sale in 1991. Heritage's description is still accurate, since the coin remains housed in the original NGC holder with the Reiver provenance on the label: Mostly brilliant surfaces with just a hint of gold at the obverse rim. Original mint luster still survives in the fields especially on the reverse. Virtually all design features are boldly defined including the obverse stars, Liberty's hair curls and drapery, and the eagle's feathers and claws. A dark streak beneath the left wing continues right into the eagle and shield and this hallmarks the coin. This is a later die state example with a minor die crack to the top of Liberty's cap from the rim above, and on the reverse the die crack to the A in STATES is sharp.



**Lot 1029. 1833 JR-10, R-3, PCGS MS64 (25282015).** WOW! Even if you don't plan on bidding on this coin, if you are at the ANA show you will want to ask to see this colorful and lustrous dime in hand. Take the time to appreciate the greenish-gold and lavender toning, the myriad die cracks and the clash marks. The last time this coin sold (at the 2014 ANA auction held by Heritage), the price realized exceeded \$4,100. A single MS65 1833 JR-10 was reported in the JRCS census, meaning this coin would be in sole possession of second place in the condition census.



**Lot 1030. 1834 JR-7 Small 4, R-2, PCGS MS64 (06645368).** In a 2010 Heritage auction at Long Beach, this coin was described as "An attractive near-Gem example of the sole Small 4 die pair, softly struck on the high points but with luster over the devices and no trace of wear. Both sides are primarily pale silver-gray with subtle golden overtones that are most visible at the rims." The coin is in the exact same holder and retains the same description today (always a good sign of stability of surfaces!). A single super-gem (MS67!) was the only higher-graded coin recorded in the JRCS census.





**1835 JR-1  
PCGS AU55**

**Lot 1031. 1835 JR-1, R-1, PCGS AU55 CAC (34152935).** We expect that many will appreciate the opportunity to purchase an attractive, lustrous, colorful, CAC-approved capped bust dime for relatively a small sum, compared to the expected prices realized of a few of the rarer die marriages and dates in this sale. This dime is best appreciated in hand where one can see the pervasive luster. Tilting the coin ever so slightly reveals myriad colors that just pop off of the surfaces. Definitely worth a look!



**1835 JR-7  
PCGS AU55**

**Lot 1032. 1835 JR-7, R-3<sup>+</sup>, PCGS AU55 (24996679), Russ Logan - David J. Davis, VIG Plate.** Some coins have pretty colors. Some coins have booming luster. Some coins rank high in the condition census. Some coins are of a scarce die marriage. Some have a famous provenance. This bust dime has all of these characteristics...and then some! With just two higher graded coins recorded in the JRCS census for 1835 JR-7 dimes, this coin will appeal to bust dime collectors who seek a higher-grade die marriage collection. The gold, copper-red, yellow, and sea green palette that sits on highly lustrous surfaces will immediately grab your attention and make you want to take a closer look to fully appreciate this coin's beauty. As for provenance: The "David J. Davis" (President Emeritus, JRCS and member number 001) provenance is on the PCHG label; however, there is an added provenance of interest. It turns out that this coin was a duplicate owned by JRCS member number 003, Russ Logan. This coin was not part of the Logan sale of November 2002, however. How or when this coin transferred from Logan to Davis is unknown. From an insert that will be provided to the winning bidder (along with the Logan insert), it appears that this coin was also sold as lot #1538 in a Stack's auction held October 15-17, 1991. If all that isn't enough, just turn to page 119 of the Bust Dime Variety Identification Guide to see a beautiful photo of this coin.





**Lot 1033. 1837 JR-1, R-4, PCGS MS62 (32607023), Gorman.** In 2016, this colorful coin sold for nearly \$4,000 in our auction of the Kirk Gorman collection. Amazing color, luster, and scarcity combine to create a prize for the winning bidder. A single MS64 example of the 1837 JR-1 was recorded in the 2016 JRCS Bust Dime census, which would make this coin tied for second finest in the condition census. This die marriage is the one die marriage from 1837 that does not have a bisecting die crack (the other three die marriages have bisecting cracks in later stages of die usage).